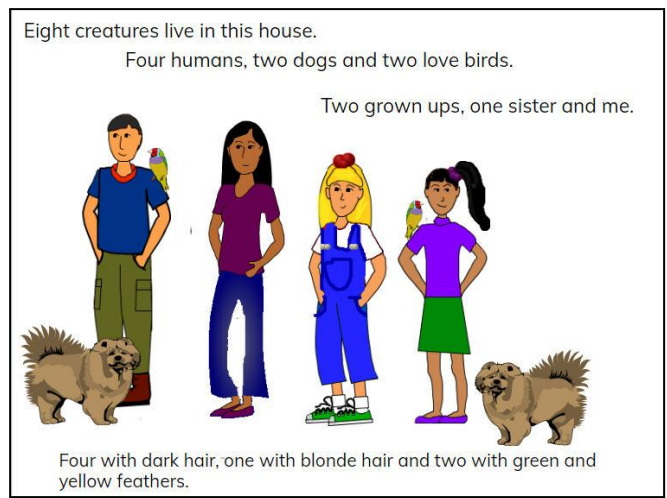# Five Creatures

In this story, Emily Jenkins describes a family of five (two cats and three people) by comparing things they have in common and things they do not. For example,

"Five creatures live in our house. Three with orange hair, and two with gray.
Two with long hair, three with short."

Ask individual students to create their own data story about their family. First, they need to define the creatures (humans and pets) in their family. Then, identify traits they have in common and compare. Write a sentence for each trait and illustration to help the reader. A great way to introduce students to data visualization as well!

This also makes a great get-to-know-you project for back-to-school or collaborative work. Ask a small group or team to create a 5-creatures-style project about the attributes of the members of their team. As they do so they celebrate differences and find commonalities.

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trait 1					
trait 2					
trait 3					
trait 4					

Five students learning in this group.

Three with dark hair, one with blonde hair and one with red hair.